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PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER, PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1959.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Herewith is my report for the year 1959 which is, as before, along the lines prescribed by the Ministry.

As far as Infectious diseases arising in the Port are concerned, a weekly Report is sent to the Registrar General, but as will be seen, no cases were reported.

On 12th March however a warning was sent to Pilots and Customs requesting immediate notice of any ship from the Mersey Ports where Smallpox had been diagnosed, but no shipping from that area arrived at Hayle and in due course, with the infection over, the alert was ended.

Arrangements were made during the year for an alternative outlet in a neighbouring Authority for cesspool emptier discharges when the tides in Hayle estuary were unfavourable and these arrangements are working satisfactorily.

The difficulties previously experienced with sewage disposal on the Fair Ground site are likely now to diminish with the provision by the site owners of a locked manhole having a direct connection to the Council's sewer.

As the result of my attention being drawn to possible offence resulting from dredging operations in the dock, the matter was investigated but no action was recommended.

A visit was made to the houseboat "Renaissance" moored near Lelant Station for use as dwelling accommodation. A piped water supply was laid on by St. Ives Corporation and sewage discharges were regulated to suitable states of the tide. No action was recommended.

One ship "M.V. Killbride" was found to have an invalid deratisation exemption certificate and arrangements were made with the Port Talbot Authority for this to be regularised when she docked. This was done.

The M.V. "Futurity" was found on inspection to have certain defects and the attention of the owners was drawn to these and subsequent correspondence showed that the works specified had been attended to but that the ship has now been withdrawn from service.

19 bodies were placed in the Mortuary during the year and no deficiencies were drawn to our attention by the County Pathologist.

Various local firms with buildings in the dock area are proposing alterations and buildings and I will keep you informed on developments as they occur.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P.E. Morris,

Port Medical Officer.

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FOR THE YEAR 1959.

Section 1 - Staff

Table "A"

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualification.	Any other appointment held
P.E. Morris.	Port Health Medical Officer.	1st April 1952.	M.B. Ch.B.	Police Surgeon Certifying Factory Dr.
J.W.Hitchens.	Port Health Inspector.	1st October 1952	P.H.I. Cert. M & F.I. Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Public Health Inspector West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health: "Bonaer", Hayle 2315.

Section 11 - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year.

Table "B"

Ships from	Numbers.	Tonnage.	No. Inspected By M.O.H.	No. Inspected By P.H.I.	No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports.	19	4072	19	2	Nil.
Coastwise.	340	75705	32	Nil	Nil
Total	359	79777	51	2	Nil

Section 111 - Character of Shipping and Trade during year.

Passenger Traffic (Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil
(Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil

Cargo Traffic (Principal Imports ... Coal, Oil, Timber, Sulphur, Cement, Potatoes & Animal Feeding Stuffs.
(Principal Exports ... Scrap Metals, Boxed Fuses.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive ... South Wales' Ports, Fawley, Blyth, Goole, Belfast, River Thames, Avonmouth, Bayonne, Swedish Timber Ports.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

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Section V. - Water Supply.

(1)	Source of supply for (a) the district ...	Mains supply from Mellanear filtered and chlorinated.
	(b) shipping ...	Supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side.
(2)	Reports of tests for contamination ...	Samples satisfactory.
(3)	Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes ...	One Person charged by Dock Undertakers to maintain water points and equipment in satisfactory condition.
(4)	Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority. ...	Nil.

Section Vl. - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

(1)	List of infected Areas (Reg.6) -	Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are now received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made monthly. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers where circumstances warrant.
(2)	Radio Messages. -	This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases.
(3)	Notifications otherwise than by radio -	Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health".
(4)	Mooring Stations -	Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay.
(5)	Arrangements for:-	
	(a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases -	County Isolation Hospital, Truro, through No.1. Health Area Office, Penzance.
	(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts -	Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council and No.1. Health Area Office.
	(c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles. -	Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, by arrangement.

Section Vll - Smallpox.

(1)	Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district. -	Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard.
(2)	Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc. -	Contact Dr. Pierson, M.O.H. Plymouth, or Plymouth Ambulance Bureau, Tel. No. Plymouth 4101.
(3)	Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) -	Dr. W.A.Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. Tel.No. Plymouth 5701. Dr. C. Seward, 20, West Southernhay. Exeter, Tel.No. Exeter 2110).
(4)	Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis -	Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease.

Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.	West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, V.D. Clinic every Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Psychiatric clinic every Thursday each month 3 p.m. by appointment. Customs Offices advise contact direct with M.O.H's surgery or Health Dept., West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance.

Section IX Table "D" - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Category.	No. of cases during the year			Number of ships concerned.
	Disease.	Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships.

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No measures necessary.

Section XII. - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports.

(1)	Procedure for inspection	- Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates.
(2)	Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc.	- Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year.
(3)	Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc.	- Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth or other approved Port.
(4)	Progress in the ratproofing of ships.	- Nil.

Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from Foreign Ports.	-	Nil.

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from Foreign Ports.	-	Nil.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances.

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections.	Notices served Statutory Notices.	Notices served Other Notices	Results of Serving Notice.
As in Table "B"	Nil.	2	Satisfactory.
Total 53	Nil.	2.	-

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell- Fish) Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable.

Section XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens.

Not applicable.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.	-	Port M.O.H. in conjunction with District M.O.H. institute procedure prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A.1936.